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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 (Currently amended). A wet paper transfer belt for use in the press part of a closed draw papermaking machine, comprising a base body, a wet paper web side layer having a wet paper web side surface, and a machine side layer, wherein said wet paper web side layer comprises an elastic section and a fiber body, at least a part of the fiber body is exposed on said wet paper web side surface, and at least the exposed part of the fiber body is composed of hydrophilic hygroscopic fibers from the group consisting of vinylon fibers, rayon fibers, cotton fibers and wool fibers.

2-4 (canceled).